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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: BRIEFING OF NYERERE

REF: A) LONDON 20783; B) DAR ES SALAAM 4969

1. TO CLEAR RECORD WITH GRAHAM (REFTEL A) YOU SHOULD NOTE
AT NEXT CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY THAT AMBASSADOR SPAIN
INFORMED NYERERE OF FOURIE INVITATION TO LONDON ON
DECEMBER 13 AND THAT NYERERE REACTED WITH APPROVAL (REFTEL
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2. WE REGRET MISUNDERSTANDING WITH BRITISH ON THIS
POINT. INSTRUCTION TO AMBASSADOR SPAIN WAS SENT FOLLOWING
BRUSSELS MEETING WHERE IT WAS DECIDED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT
TO CONVINCE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS THAT ACTION
IN PURSUIT OF PLAN WAS STILL VERY MUCH ON OUR MINDS.
WE ASSUMED THAT DECISION TO KEEP FOURIE VISIT FROM PUBLIC

VIEW WOULD NOT ALSO PROHIBIT REVEALING HIS TRIP TO FRONT
LINE LEADERS WHOM WE WOULD WISH TO CONVINCE OF OUR SERIOUS
INTENT AND WHOSE SUSPICIONS, AROUSED BY A POSSIBLE LEAK,
COULD BE ALLAYED BY PRIOR EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSE OF THE
TRIP.

3. AS IT HAPPENS, ONLY PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS BEEN INFORMED

OF THE FOURIE VISIT. HOWEVER, PLEASE SUGGEST TO GRAHAM
THAT BRITISH SHOULD CONSIDER IDEA OF MAKING THIS
INFORMATION KNOWN TO THE OTHER FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS
AT AN EARLY DATE. VANCE

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